

House Resolution 1906

By: Representatives Davis of the 109th, Lunsford of the 110th, Yates of the 73rd, Mayo of the 91st, Baker of the 78th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Reverend Ralph Easterwood on the occasion of his
2 retirement; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Ralph Easterwood has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
4 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
5 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Easterwood joined Glen Haven Baptist Church in the church's first
7 year as a 12 year old boy with his family in 1947 and was baptized the following year; and

8 WHEREAS, he devoted his service to Glen Haven Baptist Church in various areas for many
9 years before he was selected as senior pastor in 1983, including leader of the youth group,
10 an ordained deacon, and associate pastor; and

11 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped Glen Haven Baptist Church grow in size
12 and influence, uplifting the community as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

13 WHEREAS, under his leadership Glen Haven Baptist Church's slogan became "The Church
14 That Makes A Difference"; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure as senior pastor, Reverend Easterwood has overseen the
16 building of Hardeman Hall and Easterwood Youth Center, the renovations of the church
17 auditorium, the formation of sports leagues, and the movement of the church from Decatur
18 to McDonough; and

19 WHEREAS, a leader with great wisdom, Reverend Easterwood has provided 43 years of
20 unmatched spiritual assistance to the congregation of Glen Haven Baptist Church, serving
21 as a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic
22 strata; and

23 WHEREAS, Reverend Easterwood is united in love and marriage to his wife, Gwen, who
24 has faithfully served the members of Glen Haven Baptist Church in the office for 40 years,
25 and they have been blessed with five children and several grandchildren and
26 great-grandchildren; and

27 WHEREAS, Reverend Easterwood became involved with the Henry County Police
28 Department upon the church's move to McDonough and currently serves as Chaplain; and

29 WHEREAS, although his daily presence will be sorely missed upon the occasion of his
30 retirement as senior pastor, Reverend Easterwood plans on remaining active with the church
31 and his influence is sure to be felt for many years to come.

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
33 the members of this body commend Reverend Ralph Easterwood for his innumerable good
34 works rendered on behalf of persons in need, recognize this enduring example of God's
35 message of peace and love, and extend to him best wishes for a happy and healthy retirement.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Reverend Ralph
38 Easterwood.